

Application No. 10/755,745

**Remarks**

The restriction requirement mailed November 4, 2005 asserted that the invention as claimed in claims 1-16, claim 17, and claims 18-21 constituted three independent and/or distinct inventions.

The Office Action asserted that group 2 (claim 17) could be interpreted to claim variant versions of printers outside the scope of this submitted application. Since the claims define the scope of the application, applicants do not follow how a claim can be "outside the scope of this submitted application."

The Office Action asserted that the inventions of group 1 (claims 1-16) and group 3 (claims 18-21) were related as process of making and product made. The Office Action then asserted that the process of group 2 (sic, group 3?) may be used to make an ink feed system that does not have a longitudinal feed channel or a longitudinal guide rail.

Applicants respectfully submit that a thorough search upon any one of the claim groups will likely encompass art relevant to the claimed subject matter of the other two groups. Therefore, the search and examination of the entire application does not pose a serious burden beyond the examination of only one of the claim groups. See M.P.E.P. §803.


Subject to the above traverse, applicants nevertheless elect claims 1-16 for prosecution.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

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